

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.-26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic composition ~~suitable for firming, smoothing or tightening of the skin or for alleviating the effects of menopause on the skin~~ which comprises (a) cinnamic acid, or a mixture of cinnamic acid and at least one derivative thereof selected from the group consisting of mono- and polyhydroxycinnamic acids, and alcohols and aldehydes of cinnamic acid, wherein cinnamic acid is present in an ~~amount effective to provide for firming, smoothing or tightening of the skin, or for alleviating the effects of menopause on the skin,~~ skin-firming, skin-smoothing, skin-tightening or menopausal skin effect-alleviating amount, said amount of cinnamic acid ranging from 10^{-6} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition, and (b) a cosmetically acceptable carrier.

28.-31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition of Claim 27, which further comprises at least one other ~~collagen synthesis-stimulating or lipid synthesis-stimulating product which stimulates collagen or lipid synthesis.~~

33.-36. (Canceled)

37. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 32, wherein said other product is selected from the group consisting of plant hormones, vitamin C and derivatives thereof.

38.-51. (Canceled)

52. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 37, wherein said plant hormone is an auxin selected from the group consisting of 3-indoleacetic acid, 4-chloro-3-indoleacetic acid, phenylacetic acid, 3-indolebutyric acid, 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid, α -naphthaleneacetic acid, β -naphthoxyacetic acid, indoleethanol, indoleacetaldehyde, indoleacetonitrile, and mixtures thereof.

53.-61. (Canceled)

62. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic composition ~~suitable for firming of the skin, smoothing of the skin, tightening of the skin, and/or alleviating the effects of menopause on the skin~~ which comprises (a) cinnamic acid or a mixture of cinnamic acid and at least one derivative thereof, wherein cinnamic acid is present in an amount effective ~~to provide for firming of the skin, smoothing of the skin, tightening of the skin, and/or alleviating the effects of menopause on the skin, respectively, skin-firming, skin-smoothing, skin-tightening and/or menopausal skin effect-alleviating~~

amount, said amount ranging from 10^{-6} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition, (b) at least one other collagen synthesis-stimulating or lipid synthesis-stimulating product which stimulates collagen or lipid synthesis and (c) a cosmetically acceptable carrier.

63. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 62, wherein said other product is selected from the group consisting of plant hormones, vitamin C and derivatives thereof.

64. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 63, wherein said plant hormone is an auxin selected from the group consisting of 3-indoleacetic acid, 4-chloro-3-indoleacetic acid, phenylacetic acid, 3-indolebutyric acid, 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid, α -naphthaleneacetic acid, β -naphthoxyacetic acid, indoleethanol, indoleacetaldehyde, indoleacetonitrile, and mixtures thereof.

65.-68. (Canceled)

69. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 27, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

70.-80. (Canceled)

81. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 62, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

82. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic composition ~~suitable for firming, smoothing or tightening the skin or for alleviating the effects of menopause on the skin, which comprises (a) cinnamic acid, in an amount effective to firm, smooth or tighten the skin, or to alleviate the effects of menopause on the skin, skin-firming, skin-smoothing, skin-tightening, or menopausal skin effect-alleviating amount, said amount of cinnamic acid ranging from 10^{-6} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition, and (b) a cosmetically acceptable carrier.~~

83.-84. (Canceled)

85. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic composition ~~suitable for firming, smoothing or tightening the skin or alleviating the effects of menopause on the skin comprising (a) cinnamic acid, in an amount effective to firm, smooth or tighten the skin or alleviate the effects of menopause on the skin, skin-firming, skin-smoothing, skin-tightening or menopausal skin effect-alleviating amount, said amount of cinnamic acid ranging from 10^{-6} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition, (b) at least one other collagen synthesis-stimulating or lipid synthesis-stimulating product which stimulates collagen or lipid synthesis, and (c) a cosmetically acceptable carrier.~~

86.-87. (Canceled)

88. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic composition ~~suitable for firming of the skin, smoothing of the skin, tightening of the skin, and/or alleviating the effects of menopause on the skin~~ which comprises (a) cinnamic acid or a mixture of cinnamic acid and at least one derivative thereof, wherein cinnamic acid is present in an amount effective to provide for firming of the skin, smoothing of the skin, tightening of the skin, and/or alleviating the effects of menopause on the skin, respectively, skin-firming, skin-smoothing, skin-tightening and/or menopausal skin effect-alleviating amount, (b) β -naphthoxyacetic acid and (c) a cosmetically acceptable carrier.

89. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 88, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-6} percent to 10 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

90. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 88, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 5 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

91. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 88, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-6} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

92. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 88, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

93. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic composition ~~suitable for firming, smoothing or tightening the skin or alleviating the effects of menopause on the skin~~ comprising (a) cinnamic acid, in an amount effective to firm, smooth or tighten the skin or alleviate the effects of menopause on the skin, skin-firming, skin-smoothing, skin-tightening or menopausal skin effect-alleviating amount, (b) β -naphthoxyacetic acid, and (c) a cosmetically acceptable carrier.

94. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 93, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-6} percent to 10 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

95. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 93, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 5 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

96. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic composition ~~suitable for firming, smoothing or tightening the skin or for alleviating the effects of menopause on the skin~~, which comprises (a) cinnamic acid and ethyl cinnamate, in an amount effective to firm, smooth or tighten the skin, or to alleviate the effects of menopause on the

skin, skin-firming, skin-smoothing, skin-tightening or menopausal skin effect-alleviating amount, and (b) a cosmetically acceptable carrier.

97. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 96, wherein the amount of (a) ranges from 10^{-6} percent to 10 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

98. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 96, wherein the amount of (a) ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 5 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

99. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 96, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-6} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

100. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 96, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

101. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 96, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid is 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition and the amount of ethyl cinnamate is 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

102. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic composition ~~suitable for firming, smoothing or tightening the skin~~, which comprises (a) cinnamic acid and ethyl cinnamate, in an amount effective to firm, smooth or tighten the skin, or to alleviate the effects of menopause on the skin, skin-firming, skin-smoothing, skin-tightening or menopausal skin effect-alleviating amount, (b) at least one other collagen synthesis-stimulating or lipid synthesis-stimulating product which stimulates collagen or lipid synthesis, and (c) a cosmetically acceptable carrier.

103. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 102, wherein the amount of (a) ranges from 10^{-6} percent to 10 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

104. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 102, wherein the amount of (a) ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 5 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

105. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 102, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-6} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

106. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 102, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

107. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 102, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid is 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition and the amount of ethyl cinnamate is 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

108. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic composition ~~suitable for firming, smoothing or tightening the skin, or alleviating the effects of menopause on the skin,~~ which comprises (a) cinnamic acid and ethyl cinnamate, in an ~~amount effective to firm, smooth or tighten the skin, or alleviate the effects of menopause on the skin,~~ ~~skin-firming, skin-smoothing, skin-tightening or menopausal skin effect-alleviating amount,~~ (b) β -naphthoxyacetic acid, and (c) a cosmetically acceptable carrier.

109. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 108, wherein the amount of (a) ranges from 10^{-6} percent to 10 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

110. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 108, wherein the amount of (a) ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 5 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

111. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 108, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-6} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

112. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 108, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid ranges from 10^{-3} percent to 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

113. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 108, wherein the amount of cinnamic acid is 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition and the amount of ethyl cinnamate is 0.01 percent relative to the total weight of the composition.

114. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition of Claim 27, further comprising ~~an a skin proliferation-modifying agent for modifying skin proliferation.~~

115.-116. (Canceled)

117. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition of Claim 62, further comprising ~~an a skin proliferation-modifying agent for modifying skin proliferation.~~

118. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 27, further comprising an anti-wrinkle active agent.

119.-120. (Canceled)

121. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic composition of Claim 62, further comprising an anti-winkle active agent.

122. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition of Claim 27, further comprising ~~an a skin-proliferation modifying agent for modifying skin proliferation and an anti-wrinkle active agent.~~

123.-124. (Canceled)

125. (Currently Amended) The cosmetic composition of Claim 62, further comprising ~~an a skin proliferation-modifying agent for modifying skin proliferation and an anti-winkle active agent.~~